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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An information-processing system comprising:

a terminal operated by a user;

a first main apparatus for providing a resource;

a second main apparatus for storing personal information of said user; and

a value apparatus for managing electronic values; wherein;

said terminal comprises:

resource-request signal sender means for transmitting a signal making a request for a resource provided by said first main apparatus to said second main apparatus through said first main apparatus; and

first utilization-right acquisition means for acquiring a right to utilize a resource provided by said first main apparatus from said second main apparatus; and

said terminal shows said right to utilize a resource provided by said first main apparatus to said first main apparatus before using said resource;

said first main apparatus comprises:

payment-notification receiver means for receiving a payment notification from said value apparatus as a notification informing said first main apparatus that an electronic value representing a price to utilize a resource has been paid from said second main apparatus as an electronic-value payment to said first main apparatus; and

utilization-right issuance means for issuing a right to utilize a resource to said second main apparatus in accordance with said payment notification; and

said first main apparatus allows said terminal to utilize a resource provided by said first main apparatus when said terminal shows a right to utilize said resource;

said second main apparatus comprises: